

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation
Opening
Hatchie, Lower Hatchie, Reelfoot, Lake Isom, Cross Creeks, Chickasaw, and Tennessee
National Wildlife Refuges to Hunting

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee code annotated sections, 70-4-107, 70-5-108 and 70-5-111 thereof, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission, after making a survey of Hatchie, Lower Hatchie, Reelfoot, Lake Isom, Cross Creeks, Chickasaw, and Tennessee National Wildlife Refuges and finding that the supply of game is sufficient to allow hunting thereof as hereinafter described without the danger of extinction or depletion hereby proclaims the following regulations for the 2004-2005 season, effective August 1, 2004.

A federal permit required for all hunts. Quota permits are required for quota hunts and special federal regulations apply as specified. A signed refuge brochure serves as the permit for non-quota hunts.

All deer taken count in Unit A Bag Limit, unless otherwise noted as Bonus deer.

Section I. Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

	Seasons	Bag & Possession Limit
Dove, opossum, Quail, Rabbit, Raccoon, Snipe, Squirrel and Woodcock	Same as statewide seasons (except closed during deer hunts and no spring squirrel season)	Same as statewide regulations. (Non-toxic Shot Only)
Deer (Archery) (No Quota)	Sept. 25 – Oct. 10, 2004.	Four Deer-Either Sex (No more than two antlered) Unit A Bag
Deer (Gun-Archery) (Quota)**	Oct. 16 – 17, 2004 (Hunter Quota 225 plus 4 wheel-chair bound hunters & their aides)	Two Deer-Either Sex (Bonus)
Deer (Gun-Archery) (Quota)**	Oct. 23-24, 2004 (Hunter Quota 225 plus 4 wheel-chair bound hunters & their aides)	Two Deer-Either Sex (Bonus)
Ducks, Geese and Coots *** (Porter Tract Only) ****	Tues., Thurs. and Sat. of both the early and regular statewide seasons (Hunting until 12:00 noon only).	In accordance with statewide regulations

* Opossum and raccoon - hunting hours from sunset to one hour before sunrise. Closed night before and during any refuge deer seasons. Armadillo, beaver and coyote may be taken on any hunt. Non-toxic shot only.

** Deer taken on quota gun hunts must be checked out at the refuge check station.

*** Only portable blinds or blinds of native vegetation may be used. Blinds and decoys must be removed each day.

**** Porter Tract is that portion of the refuge that lies at the extreme east end of the refuge lying east of Richland Creek and the Big Eddy Road.

Section II. Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges

All small game and waterfowl hunting seasons and bag limits in accordance with statewide regulations (except closed during spring squirrel season). Squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, and snipe hunting is closed during all youth deer, muzzleloader, and gun deer hunts. All hunting blinds will be portable and nothing of a permanent nature will be constructed. No axes or saws allowed on raccoon hunts. Waterfowl hunting until 12:00 Noon only. Temporary blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Non-toxic shot only.

Beaver and coyote may be taken during any scheduled hunt with any weapon legal for the Hunt.

	Season	Bag & Possession Limit
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 25-Oct 29, Nov. 8-19, Dec.13-17, 2004	Four deer - No more than two antlered *
Deer (Gun-Archery) (Young Sportsman)	Oct. 30-31, 2004; Jan 15-16, 2005	One deer - either-sex *
Deer (Gun-Archery)	Nov. 20-Dec.5, 2004	Two deer - buck only *
Deer (Gun-Archery)	Dec 18- Jan 9, 2005	Two deer - buck only *
Deer (Muzzleloader-Archery)	Nov. 6-12, 2004	Two deer - no more than one antlered*
Deer (Muzzleloader-Archery)	Dec. 6-12, 2004	Two deer – no more than one antlered*

Section III. Sunk Lake Public Use Management Area (Northern Unit Only)

	Season	Bag & Possession limit
Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Raccoon and Opossum	Same as statewide	Same as statewide

Non-toxic shot only.
Spring squirrel season closed.

Deer (Archery only)	Sept 25-Oct 29, Nov 8-19, and Dec 13-17	Four deer – no more than two antlered *
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* All deer harvested count against Unit A bag limit.

Section IV. Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge - special federal permit required
(Except designated closed areas)

Quota Deer Hunts	Hunter Quota for Each Hunt	Bag & Possession Limit All deer taken on quota hunts count as Bonus deer
	Big Sandy Peninsula - 75 Duck River Bottoms Unit - 100 Duck River Uplands Unit - 50 Britton Ford Peninsula - 35 Busseltown Unit - 50	
Deer (Primitive Weapons: Long bow, recurve bow and side hammered muzzleloaders with iron sights only)*	Season One 2-day hunt Sept 18-19, 2004	Bag & Possession Limit Two deer – either sex
Deer-Youth (Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader)*	One 2 day hunt Oct 2-3,2004	Two deer – either sex
Deer (Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader)*	Two 2 day hunts Oct 16-17, 30-31, 2004	Two deer – antlerless only
Deer (Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader)*	Nov 13-14, 2004	Two deer – one must be antlerless
*All deer harvested are bonus deer		
Non-quota Deer Hunts Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Same as statewide season through Nov 5. Closed during quota hunts	Four deer – No more than Two antlered. One turkey either sex. Deer and turkey counts in Unit A bag limit.
Squirrel	Aug 28 – Nov 14, 2004 Closed during quota hunts	In accordance with statewide regulations
Raccoon Hunts	Oct 18-20, Nov 1-3, 2004	In accordance with statewide regulations
Canada Goose	Same as statewide until opening of wood duck/teal season	In accordance with statewide regulations

****Note -** Beaver and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for the hunt.

Section V. Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

	Seasons	Bag & Possession Limit
Squirrel	Aug. 28-Oct 15, 2004	In accordance with statewide regulations(non-toxic shot only)
Raccoon *	Oct 1-16, 2004	No limit
* Hunting hours-7:00pm until midnight only. Hunters must check out all raccoons for tagging.		
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 25-Oct. 29, 2004	Four deer-no more than two antlered (counts toward statewide bag limit)
Deer (Gun/Archery) (Reelfoot Refuge only)	Nov. 12-14, 2004 Hunter Quota – 200 (100 per hunt unit)	Two deer- no more than one antlered. Deer must be checked out at refuge check station. (counts as bonus deer)

Section VI. Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

	Seasons	Bag & Possession Limit
Squirrel	Aug. 28 – Nov 14, 2004	In accordance with statewide regulations
Quota deer hunts	Hunter Quota for Each Hunt Southside:Northeast of Pool 5 Bridge 25 Southside:Southwest of Pool 5 Bridge 25 Northside of Cumberland River 50	Bag and Possession Limit All deer taken on quota hunts count as Bonus deer
	Season	Bag & Possession Limit
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 18-19, 2004	Two deer, either sex

Deer – Youth (Gun/ Archery/Muzzleloader)	Oct. 9-10, 2004	Two deer, either sex
Deer (Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader)	Oct. 23-24, 2004	Two deer, antlerless only
Deer (Gun/Archery/Muzzleloader)	Nov. 6-7, 2004	Two deer, one must be antlerless
Non-quota Deer Hunts		
Deer/Turkey (Archery)	Same as statewide archery seasons through Nov 5, 2004	In accordance with statewide. Counts in Unit A Bag Limit
No hunting in safety zones as listed in NWR pamphlet.		
All other hunting (squirrel, turkey, archery deer) will be closed on weekends when quota deer hunts are scheduled.		
Canada Goose	Same as statewide until opening of early woodduck/teal season	Same as statewide

Section VII. General Regulations for Hunting Refuges

- (1) Vehicles must remain on established roads. Roads may be closed due to adverse weather conditions. Park vehicles in a manner that will not interfere with normal flow of traffic.
- (2) Camping and fires are prohibited except in designated areas.
- (3) It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, or other metal object into any tree or to hunt from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven.
- (4) Dogs are prohibited except when used during the small game and migratory bird hunts.
- (5) Designated areas of refuges will be closed to all public entry to provide sanctuaries for waterfowl.
- (6) Small game hunters may only possess and use shotgun shells containing non-toxic shot in areas designated as high waterfowl use areas.
- (7) Hunters must possess a signed refuge brochure/permit.
- (8) All fall turkey hunts open in open counties on National Wildlife Refuges close ½ hour after sunset Nov. 14.

Section VIII. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals proclamation No. 03-10 dated May 29, 2003.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission

Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 20th day of May, 2004.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Notary Public

My commission expires on the ____ day of _____, _____.

Proclamation 04-07 received and recorded this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Riley C. Darnell, Secretary of State